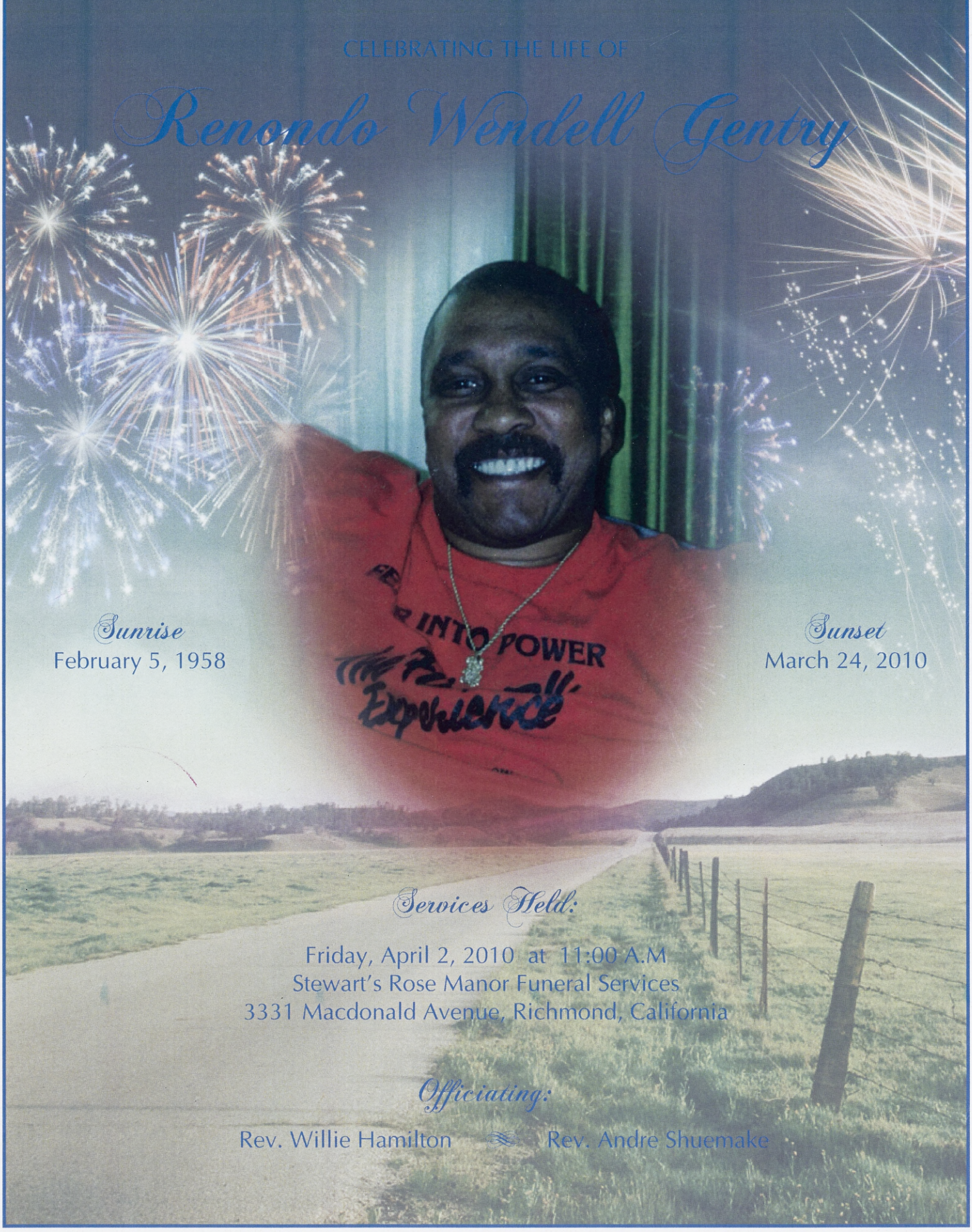
CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Renondo Wendell Gentry



Sunrise
February 5, 1958

Sunset
March 24, 2010

Services Held:

Friday, April 2, 2010 at 11:00 A.M
Stewart's Rose Manor Funeral Services
3331 Macdonald Avenue, Richmond, California

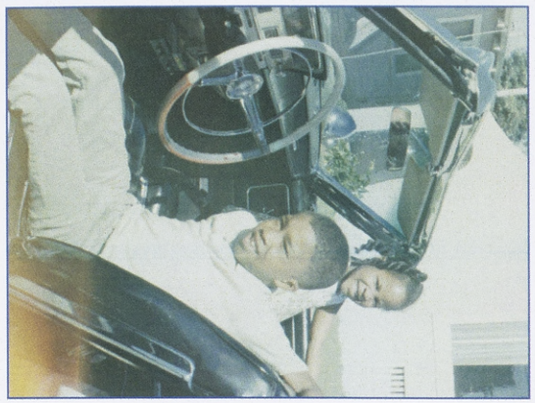
Officiating:

Rev. Willie Hamilton ~ Rev. Andre Shuemake

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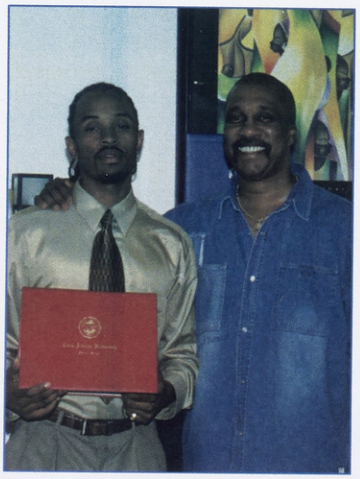




























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Renondo "Breeze" Wendell Gentry

History

Renondo Wendell Gentry was born on February 5, 1958 in Berkeley, California to his parents, Evelyn Shuemake and Bradley Gentry. A very determined child, always testing the boundaries of a very stern grandfather, running into the arms of a very protective and loving grandmother, Joe and Mattie Shuemake.
Overcoming the challenges of severe whooping cough at birth, he went on to become a gifted athlete. He played basketball, football and ran track at Harry Ells High School where he graduated in 1976. He temporarily relocated to southern California to attend Santa Monica Jr. College. He spent most of his working life in transportation as a driver. He drove for A.C. Transit in Alameda county, San Francisco Muni, Sacramento Regional and Webvan. A serious and dedicated employee; never late, never absent. He viewed his work ethics as an extension of himself and nothing less than excellence was acceptable.

In 1976 big brother Bud gave Renondo the nickname of "Cool Breeze of the North Wind" and to this day he is still known and loved as "Breeze".

To mourn his passing and cherish his passing-through is his loving wife, Denice; his stepson, Kearon Dickerson, mother Evelyn Horton, stepfather Willie Horton; his brother, Orlandes "Bud" Shuemake, his sister-in-law, Lillian Roseanne Shuemake (as well as her sisters, Connie, Sharlene and Vera). His uncles are Bishop Gentry, Richard Shuemake and Charles McCraney. The aunt of all times begins with Katherine Shuemake-McCraney and Florice Shuemake. Breeze had a "special" sister-cousins relationship with Fertis Howze, Leatrice Newbill, Alecia "Lisa" Elliott, Cleo "Cleoski" Howze and Ericka McCraney as well as godsisters Alice Eisley and Cathy Sheridan. Breeze also has maintained a special relationship with Rita Paysinger and Pam Day. Cousins were Bobby Shuemake (Eloise), James Risper, Moses Taylor (Marsha), Karl Ray Taylor (Gavonna), Curtis McCraney, Leonard Howze, Sr., Leonard "Binky" Howze, Jr., Chris Newbill, Cinderella Toston, David Shuemake, Michael Shuemake, Andre Shuemake, Leon Johnson, Joseph Johnson, and Joyce Yates. Breeze was also very close with Rita Paysinger and Pam Day. Renondo also leaves to mourn a host of other loving relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Bradley Gentry and a very cherished nephew, Kyon Shuemake, a life long friend, Billie Keeton and a dear cousin, Eddie Shuemake.

Passions

His true passion was being in the company of family and friends, watching the old sitcoms (especially Sanford & Sons)and engaging in a wage or two on a sporting event. He enjoyed soul music (Al Green, James Brown, Frankie Beverly). An uncomplicated man, always embracing a wind of peace (now don't get it twisted, you and I know he sure could blow his top at times). Can a routine be a passion, well it was. As certain as the sun rises in the east and sets in the west, it was Seattle every other Christmas; birthday week in Reno and lastly, there was the big "T" day; same day, same time, same place, same crew. If you haven't guessed --- "T" is for Tuesday, time - 9:00a.m. sharp; oh, the place - Walmart. Breeze was compassionate and kind; he wore love and gave love to all that crossed his path. Yes, he was a fisherman and each time he told of a catch, it grew in size but so did his personality and his smile. While fishing, he loved hearing the sound of the waves crashing agsinst the rocks or the serenity of a still lake. On Sunday evenings, he never missed hearing the word delivered by Rev. Patterson.

Spiritual Faith

Renondo came from very spiritual beginnings. His grandparents (Joe and Mattie Shuemake) were pillars of their church community laying the foundation for him to receive and accept Christ at an early age. His spirituality grew as he matured. Once he reconnected with Christ and the Holy Spirit, his spiritual journey evolved by leaps and bounds. He spent many hours in prayer and meditation preparing for his inevitable day. It is safe to say that he now sits at the feet of the Master and breathes a sigh of joy.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude . . . . . Mary Billups

Processional . . . . . .

Officiating Clergy . . . . . Rev. Willie Hamilton

Scriptures . . . . . Old Testament
New Testament

Invocation . . . . . Larry Johnson

Musical Selection . . . . . Lashun King

Acknowledgements & Cards . . . . . Greg Paysinger

Poem . . . . . .

Obituary . . . . . {Read Silently Please} . . . . . David Hartfield

Musical Selection . . . . . Family/Friends

Expressions . . . . . {Two Minutes Please} . . . . . .

Prayer of Comfort . . . . . Rev. Otha Johnson

Musical Selection . . . . . *"I Won't Complain"* . . . . . Larry Johnson

Eulogy . . . . . Rev. Andre Shuemake

Parting View . . . . . .

Recessional . . . . . .

Interment

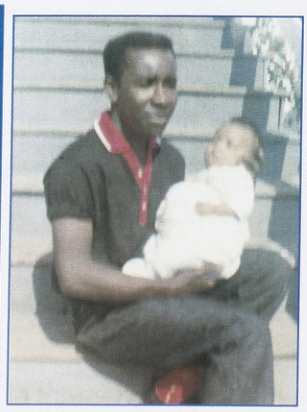
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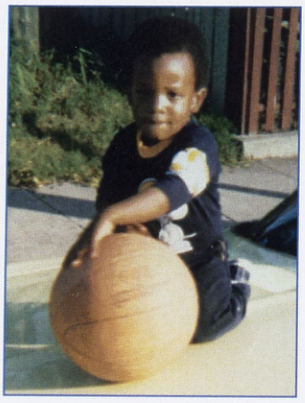
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Hilltop Green
1095 Park Side Drive
Richmond, California

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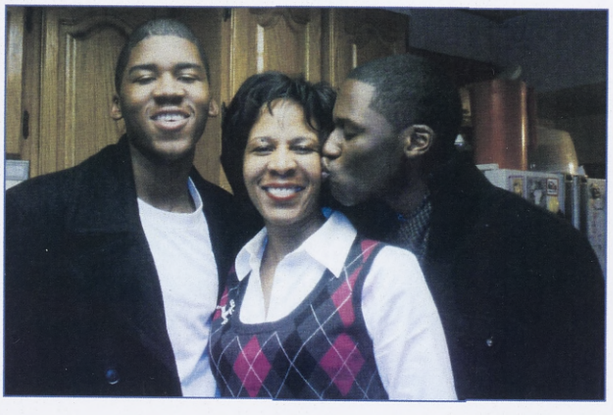

























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My Darling Renondo

From my constant prayers
To God's loving ears
Through heartfelt laughter
Through heartfelt tears
God listen quietly
And Said it's time
This year
This place
This way
He's mine
Come to me
And rest a while
I've prepared a place for you
No sickness

No pain No feeling blue
Receive your wings
At heaven's gate
And knowing you
You won't be late.

A man stands tallest
When he is on his knees
Praying humbly
To our Father in Heaven.
And you stood gigantically tall
In my eyes
But most importantly
I know you are a giant in the eyes of the Lord
Knowing you are now in the comfort of
Our Heavenly Father
And he is with me
I find comfort in knowing you are
With me too
You were my source of water
During our journey together
As I too,
Always remembering with gratitude
God's favor on our union.

Everyone who loves has been born of God
And know God. Because God is Love.
If we love one another,
God lives in us and his love is complete in us.
John 4:7,8,12.

A friend loveth at all times.
Proverbs 17:17

I do my love, I do.

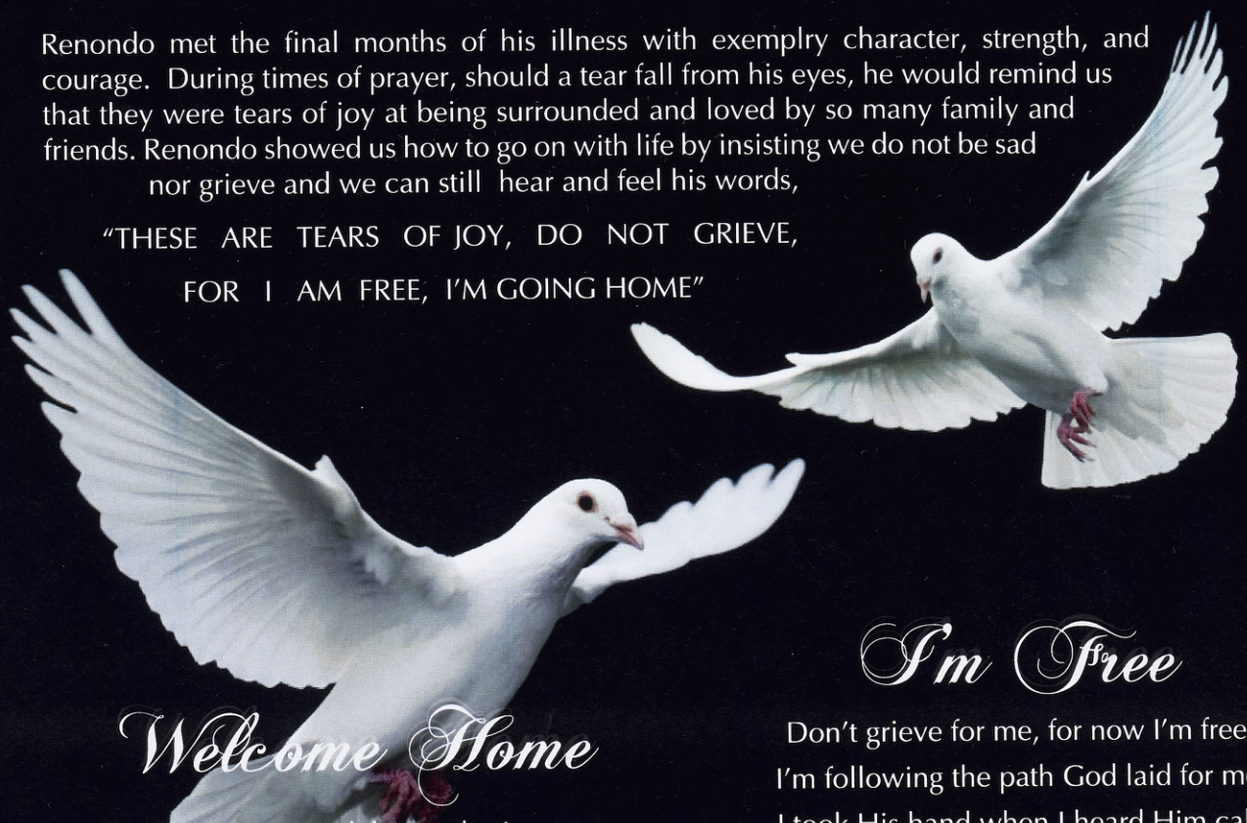
Your Devoted and Loving Wife,

Denice



Renondo met the final months of his illness with exemplry character, strength, and courage. During times of prayer, should a tear fall from his eyes, he would remind us that they were tears of joy at being surrounded and loved by so many family and friends. Renondo showed us how to go on with life by insisting we do not be sad nor grieve and we can still hear and feel his words,

"THESE ARE TEARS OF JOY, DO NOT GRIEVE,
FOR I AM FREE, I'M GOING HOME"



Welcome Home

To those I Love and those who Love me
When I am gone, release me, let me go.
I have so many things to see and do.
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears,
Be happy that we had so many good years.

I gave you my Love, you can only guess
How much you gave to me in happiness.
I thank you for the Love each of you has shown,
But now it's time I traveled on alone.
So grieve awhile for me, if grieve you must.
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a while that we must part,
So keep the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away, for Life goes on,
So if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near
And if You listen with your heart, You'll hear,
All of my Love around you soft and clear.

I'll greet you with a large welcoming smile and say, "WELCOME HOME."

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free!
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call.
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way.
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full. I savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief.
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now; He set me FREE.



Active Pallbearers

Randy Johnson
Cory Elliott
Curtis McCraney
Kenny Harris
Joe Williams
James Davis

Honorary Pallbearers

Kyon Shuemake	Eddie Shuemake
Karl Ray Taylor	Michael Ray Taylor
Moses Taylor	Brian Taylor
Kimani Elliott	Royce Hughes
Lenard Howze,Sr.	Lenard Howze, Jr.
Chris Newbill	Geordan Newbill
Gary Garner	Devan Sheridan
Greg Paysinger	Bruce Williams
Joe Yates	Richard Winston
Raymond Keeton	Curtis Coleman
Kenny Williams	Paul Ash
Moddy Perry	Billy Johnson, Sr.
Kearon Dickerson	Leslie Eisley

1 Thessalonians, Chapter 4 Verses 14-16

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God Bring with him. 15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. 16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first

In Appreciation

The family of Renondo Gentry extends appreciation to each and every one of you for your prayers, cards, telephone calls, visits, gifts, food and all other expressions of love that was given to us during Renondo's illness. Your kind expressions and deeds have been a great comfort to us all.

Final Arrangements Entrusted To

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